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Applicant : Andrew Eric Carlson
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on November 26, 2002, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-7, 10, 14, and 20 to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A multi-axis interferometer comprising an optically transmissive monolith having a multiplexer portion and a beam splitter portion,

said multiplexer portion being configured to split an input beam into a corresponding plurality of intermediate beams, each of which has a measurement component having a first polarization and a reference component having a second polarization, each of said intermediate beams being directed toward said beam splitter portion through a corresponding output port of said multiplexer portion;

said beam splitter portion being configured to direct said measurement component along a measurement path and to direct said reference component along a reference path.

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